

**Union City Area School District
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
November 9, 2017**

President George Trauner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The salute to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Roll Call by the Secretary

Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner were present. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent.

Others Present

Dr. Sandra Myers, Joan Quickle, Tara Lineman, Ann Sill, Melissa L. Tomcho, Jessica H. Reynolds, Kathy Henry, Adam Shrout, Wendy Mangol, Kim Dawson, Thomas W. Onuffer, Sharon Reagle, Natalie Wilmoth and Chris Wilmoth.

Presentation

Mrs. Tomcho, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Reagle and Mrs. Mangol gave a presentation on the “**Latin Grading System.**” [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] The majority of the Erie County School Districts are adopting the Latin Grading System and it is the next logical step after the adoption of Personalized Learning (Mass Customized Learning). Mrs. Reagle polled students in grades 10-12 regarding their thoughts on moving to the Latin Grading System. Mrs. Tomcho read one of the statements by a student promoting the adoption. It was noted that many students struggle with taking a course of interest to them vs. taking a weighted classes they’re not really interested in fear of lowering their GPA. The Latin Grading System will provide a consistent measure of achievement. There will be a range for Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude rather than one Valedictorian and one Salutatorian. The group responded to questions from the Board. It would begin with the Class of 2020. Some Board members stated that upon entering the meeting they were opposed to the switch, but upon hearing the rationale, they are now in support. It was suggested that presentations be held for the public to hear the rationale of changing to this grading system. The presenters were excused to return to Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Executive Session

The Board recessed into Executive Session for Personnel Discussion at 6:41 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 6:46 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting and the October 12, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2017. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Check List

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve the Checks for Board Approval– November 9, 2017, Checks between Board Meetings – October 2017 and Athletic Checks – October 2017. [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

COMMITTEE A

Academics

Shrout – tenure

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to grant tenure to temporary professional employee Adam L. Shrout as per the Pennsylvania School Code, section 24 PS 11-1121.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

UCASD Mission Statement and Vision Statement

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the Union City Area School District Mission Statement and Vision Statement, as presented. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

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Personnel

Mrs. Lewis moved, Mr. Blakeslee seconded to approve:

**Substitute List
Additions**

1. The following additions to the District substitute list as per assignment: Nancy Wadsworth (cafeteria, classroom aide and custodian, pending receipt of remaining employment documents) and Rebecca Peterson (cafeteria).

Volunteer additions

2. The following District volunteers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year: Kerri Greer, Brittney McClenahan, Billie-Jo Higby, Michael Hull, Cassie Gregor and Frank Cutshall.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

**Eastman and
Zielinski – cafeteria**

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve hiring Kelly Eastman and Linda Zielinski as part-time cafeteria employees, both pending receipt of remaining employment documents.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

**C. Gregor
Resignation**

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to accept the resignation of Cassie Gregor, part-time Elementary Title I Instructional Aide, retroactive to October 27, 2017. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Carter

Mrs. Lewis moved, Mr. Blakeslee seconded to approve Jayelynn Carter as part-time Elementary Title I Instructional Aide, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

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Reynolds Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve Jessica Reynolds as permanent, full-time Elementary Teacher, effective November 28, 2017, pending receipt of updated clearances.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Cutshall Resignation Mrs. Lewis moved, Mr. Blakeslee seconded to accept the resignation of Frank Cutshall, full-time Maintenance Employee, effective November 10, 2017. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Doug and Melonie Hopson entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

COMMITTEE B

Co-Curricular

Ward – Asst. Wrestling Coach Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Fox seconded to approve Timothy Ward as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2017-2018 season.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Decrease Cost of Admission Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve decreasing the cost of admission to home athletic events for District students and Senior Citizens from \$3.00 to \$1.00.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Finance

Parcel Purchase Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mrs. Lewis seconded to accept the offer of \$250 that was made by David Aikens to purchase parcel # 41-009-034.0-003.00 from the Erie County Repository for Unsold Properties. The location of the property was questioned to which Mrs. Lineman responded, “Concord Street.”

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

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HRLC Architects
for bidding of
Greenhouse Project

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve HRLC Architects to prepare drawings and specifications for the bidding of the proposed Greenhouse project at a fee not to exceed \$5,000. It is the Board's understanding that HRLC Architects will charge an hourly rate, and if the hourly rate is less than \$5,000, then the School District will be billed for the hourly rate.

There were questions about the need to hire an architect for preparing these bids rather than a local contractor knowledgeable about construction. Dr. Myers replied that HRLC was recommended by Attorney Moore and to adhere to the PA School Code.

It was asked if this was not already preliminarily approved to which Dr. Myers replied that the original approval was for the greenhouse to be built on the pad by the sports complex. The location will now be near the biology classroom which will have different construction requirements.

Mrs. Lineman added that Monsanto (who issued the grant) will approve an extension of the grant deadline provided a letter of explanation is provided by the District of the reason for the delay.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor, Loretta Price and David Robinson were absent. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Myers asked Mrs. Quickle to make a presentation to the Board. Mrs. Quickle presented large check replicas for two grants received from The Monsanto Fund. One was from America's Farmers Grow Communities in the amount of \$2,500 which was nominated by Ginny Shreve and will help support the District's FFA program. The second was from America's Farmers Grow Rural Education for \$10,000 and was nominated by Bert Shreve and will help fund the Greenhouse. Dr. Myers stated that the farm bureaus of both Erie and Crawford Counties are in support of our Ag program. A photo was taken of the Board and Mrs. Quickle with one of the large checks.

Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented. Mr. Trauner informed to Board to contact Mrs. Lineman if they had any questions. [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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Other Business

Mr. Trauner stated that the next meeting will be on December 7 which will be the Board's annual Reorganization meeting as well as the regular December meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Blakeslee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Mr. Trauner adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary